

OPINION 1883

Monograptus riccartonensis Lapworth, 1876 (Graptolithina): lectotype replaced by a neotype

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; graptolites; Silurian; *Monograptus riccartonensis*.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers all previous fixations of type specimens for the nominal species *Monograptus riccartonensis* Lapworth, 1876 are hereby set aside and specimen BU 1585 in the Lapworth Museum, Birmingham University, U.K. is designated as the neotype.
- (2) The name *riccartonensis* Lapworth, 1876, as published in the binomen *Monograptus riccartonensis* and as defined by the neotype designated under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2984

An application to conserve the usage of the name *Monograptus riccartonensis* Lapworth, 1876 by replacing the lectotype with a neotype was received from Dr D.K. Loydell (*University of Portsmouth, Portsmouth, U.K.*) on 12 May 1995. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 52: 319–320 (December 1995). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

It was noted on the voting paper that the publication by Koren et al., cited as 'in press' in the application (para. 2 and the reference list), had been published in *Lethaia*, 28(2): 137–138 (1995) and reprinted in 29(1): 59–60 (1996) with the accompanying illustration.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1997 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 52: 320. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1997 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 22: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Cocks, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Patterson, Ride, Savage, Song, Štys

Negative votes — none.

Schuster abstained.

No votes were received from Cogger and Dupuis.

Mawatari was on leave of absence.

Original reference

The following is the original reference to the name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

riccartonensis, *Monograptus*, Lapworth, 1876, *Geological Magazine*, (2)3: 355–356.